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## COMMUNICATIONS.

### LETTER FROM FAYETTEVILLE.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.,  
June 21st, 1884.

A quiet little town, on the upper Cape Fear, has little that would interest your many readers; yet, I thought I would send a few lines from this quarter which would serve to inform our friends that there is still such a town in existence. Grand Lodge No. 10, I. O. G. S. and D. of S. was in session here last week. There were probably three or four hundred members of the order in attendance. The session lasted five days which is unusual. The officers elected for the ensuing year were:

G. C.—Rev. J. N. Rasberry, Wilson.  
Asso.—Mrs. A. A. Green, Wilmington.  
D. G. C.—Mrs. C. E. Sampson, Wilmington.  
Asso.—Mrs. J. W. Cunningham, Fayetteville.  
G. Secretary—Col. G. T. Wasson, Goldsboro.  
Asso.—Miss R. D. Bailey, Lillington.  
V. G. C.—J. W. Bryan, Wilmington.  
G. T.—Rev. R. H. Simmons, Fayetteville.  
Asso.—  
G. P.—Rev. G. W. Holland, Winston.  
Asso.—Raleigh.  
G. Con.—J. W. Hunter, Wilmington.  
Asso.—Elsie Marshall, Elizabethtown.  
G. O. S.—L. W. Russ, West Brook.  
Asso.—Charity Campbell.  
G. M.—August Williams, Wilmington.  
B. F. Secretary—W. C. Coleman, Concord.

Representatives to the National Grand Lodge to convene in Baltimore in September. Senator G. A. Mebane, Prof. E. E. Smith, and Mrs. M. A. Sherwood. I failed to get a full list of officers. The parade on the streets on Thursday was an imposing affair, also the grand march in the hall in the evening, at which presents were presented to Past G. C. Moore and G. C. Harrell, but the hall was so densely packed and there was little comfort.

The speech delivered by Prof. E. E. Smith the G. O., was pronounced excellent by all who heard it. He was re-elected by acclamation. Many important amendments to the constitution and laws were made.

The Sun says: This order of colored people has had a large gathering here for the past several days. The visitors seem to be enjoying themselves immensely. They have converged from all points of the compass, until the town has an extra of about 300 of this order. Fayetteville is a favorite with both races.

Since writing the above, the Good Samaritans have had a celebration and street parade. The latter was very pretty, and orderly. Headed by the colored Brass Band, the columns were formed at the lodged of this order on Person street, and marched to Evans Chapel, where an appropriate address was delivered by Prof. E. E. Smith, Principal of the Colored Normal School of this place; after which the march was resumed up Adam street passing the court house, and down Green street to the Market house, and thence down Person street to the Lodge, where ranks were broken and the participants dispersed. Like all who visit Fayetteville, they enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent.

The closing exercises of State Normal School came off this week. The students generally acquitted themselves well. The board has agreed to recommend Prof. Smith for a second term, so well pleased it is with his labors. There will probably be no change among the teachers. Prof. J. S. Lea of Shaw delivered the annual address which was fine. He is one of the best colored orators in the State. The students from other counties have nearly all gone home.

Mrs. Fannie Cary, Misses Fannie E. Sampson and A. T. Willis of your city are visiting friends in town. Bishop T. H. Lomax has been here during the week in attendance upon the G. L. of G. S. but has gone on his charge.

Messrs. T. H. Whitfield and Tommie McNeill are still favorites among the ladies, and it is whispered that cupid has about completed his work, so far as they are concerned.

The railroad is being vigorously pushed, and ere long will reach Shoe Meel. More anon.

### Pollie Geyer Green's Memorial.

BY FRANCIS F. GILES.

June 8th, 1884.

On the above named date, the members, friends and Sunday-school, of Mt. Olive A. M. E. church assembled at 5.30, p. m., with Rev. J. G. Fry, P. E. in the chair. Prayer by Superintendent Thos. Smith. "Nearer my God to Thee" was sung. President Fry stated the object of the meeting.

The following resolutions were read by the chairman of the committee.

WHEREAS, It hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take out of this world, one of our officers in the church, and Sunday-school sister Pollie Geyer Green, on May 24th, 1884. And

WHEREAS, further our deceased friend and sister, was a devoted member, and officer of the church and Sunday-school of Mt. Olive A. M. E. church.

As a Christian she was strict and exemplary in her life and truly devoted to God.

In the whole of her deportment, the graces of the Divine Spirit shone with peculiar lustre.

In private and daily intercourse with her friends, she was mild, courteous, affectionate and unassuming.

In conversation, she was chaste, easy intelligent and unobtrusive.

In the Sunday-school she was active, rightly deifying the word of truth.

She was the youngest daughter of a devoted mother. Her motto was "Sanctitas ad Donum."

We mourn the loss of our sister, but our loss is her eternal gain, therefore be it,

Resolved, That we regret the loss of one of our bright stars in the church and Sunday school yet we submit to the will of our heavenly Father.

Resolved, That in token of respect the stewardesses and members of the Sabbath-school do wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That in further respect, to the memory of the deceased, this church be draped in mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That we extend our profound sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives of the deceased.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the *Christian Recorder*, *BANNER ENTERPRISE* and *Africo-American Presbyterian*, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

The memorial address was delivered by the Rev. D. D. Dodge of the Congregational church. After which the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

F. F. GILES,  
J. H. COWAN,  
LEWIS HILL,  
LIZZIE ALLEN,  
THOS. SMITH.

NOT READY TO GO.

### A FEW PLAIN HINTS TO THE BOSSES.

We believe it to be proper, and even wise, for the good men of different political parties to combine in the support of measures that are desirable, and which no existing party favors and is willing to bring about; but we hold that the dissatisfied faction of the party that is held to be wrong should, when they hold the principles of another party, and not ask the right party to forsake its principles and make a compromise, especially when that compromise is distasteful, and by its distastefulness disfranchises a large and respectable number of citizens, or forces them to vote in violation of principles which they regard as sacred.

What is the need of a Liberal party in North Carolina? A few Democrats, mainly liquor men, say that they have become dissatisfied with their own party, and that the Republican party favors the measures they want. If the Republican party favors the measures they wish to have adopted, then why do they not come to the Republican party and help to adopt those measures? Why do four or five thousand disaffected Democrats ask more than a hundred thousand Republicans to come to them? If a thing is already what you like and what you want, why wish to change it to something else? Hundreds, and perhaps thousands of Republicans in North Carolina, wish to have these questions answered to their satisfaction; and until this is done, they will not allow the bosses to drive them anywhere. Some of us are not yet ready to bow down to this new political Basil; we are Republicans and not Liberals, especially when Lib-

eralism means, as we understand it to mean in this campaign, a sacrifice of moral principle for the sake of political success. We propose to remain in the National Republican party, the grand old ship that has brought us safe thus far, till it is duly announced, from national headquarters, that it is dead and buried. And even then, we will take the liberty of going where we please to find a new political home, and not allow State bosses to be our dictators in the matter.

Our mistaken leaders have signed the contract, but they will never deliver the goods. Why? Because many of those goods will be found to be men, and not things, to be bought and sold like the cattle of Texas. We had hoped that negro-trading, being dropped by white men, would never become the occupations of our own kinsmen. The fathers were sold by white men, but some seem to think that the sons are to be bought of men who are not white. Well, now, the sons are not not on the market. They are not purchasable by their own consent, and they are not purchasable by the consent of others. Whoever buys us will lose money; for the property will never be transferred, and next November will prove it. The Anti-Prohibition party may change its name, if it will, but it cannot deceive the temperance men of the State; neither will a semi-Democracy, by any change of name, deceive any man who is not yet ready to leave the Republican party. We are not ready to go!

E. H. LIPSCOMBE,  
Prof. Shaw University.

The Wilmington, Wrightsville and Onslow Railroad Company.

### THE WORK GOING BRAVELY ON IN OTHER QUARTERS.

Among those in attendance at the colored men's convention, which adjourned yesterday was Gen. T. Morris Chester, president of the first railroad in America operated by Negroes. The road in question is the Wilmington Wrightsville and Onslow Railroad. In a chat to-day with Gen. Chester he said to Leader man:

"The road is a bee line from Wilmington and to Jacksonville, a distance of sixty-four miles. From Wilmington to Wrightsville, on the sea coast, a distance of eight miles, will be built first; the latter point is a great summer resort. It is contemplated to extend the road to Washington, a distance of about eighty miles from Jacksonville, where it will connect with a road now being built by the Pennsylvania company, thus giving a direct route from New York to Wilmington and Florida. The road will run through a very rich country, and the freights of turpentine, cotton, corn, and the best oysters in the country, and other products, it is expected will ensure fine dividends." The president of the road, Gen. Chester, is a native of Harrisburg, Pa., who was educated at Avery college, Allegheny City, thirty years ago. He is a member of the English bar, and has traveled all over Europe in the interest of the freedmen. While in Europe he was presented to the late Czar of Russia at the court of Sweden and of England. He is very sanguine of the success of the road, and is receiving subscription for it. Gov. Pattison and Treasurer Livsey's name are on the books as subscribers. The following resolution was presented at the colored convention yesterday and passed unanimously. Resolved, That the construction of the Wilmington, Wrightsville & Onslow Railroad, in the State of North Carolina, under the management of colored men, is hailed by us as a new departure, fraught with incalculable results in developing business capacity and industrial pursuits worthy of favorable consideration and identifying us with the material interests and important industries of the country in which we wish the enterprise God speed.

In speaking on the resolution Fred Douglass said: "I take great pleasure in seconding the resolution. The object which it commends is worthy of our consideration, as an important business movement toward advancing our pecuniary interests. I hope it will be adopted without a dissenting voice. We must engage in enterprises like other men, if we would succeed in the race of life. Behind this purpose are men who are resolved to complete the work. Let us note with appreciation so important an event as the first railroad projected in the United States by colored men."

President Chester will call on our citizens for subscriptions. He thinks that the colored race worked so long for the white man for nothing, and that as they have done so much for the country, that they are entitled to aid and assistance in the first, great organized effort of colored men.—*Pittsburg Leader*.

### OUR TICKET.

For State officers:

Gentlemen whose lives have not been spent in prosecuting white and colored Republicans, stuffing and stealing ballot boxes—opposing every principle of local self government—and securing the enactment of laws discriminating between the citizens of the State and impeding the material improving of the State.

For Judge of the Supreme Court—His Honor, who believes that Negroes are human beings—that there are honest Negroes ladies and gentlemen, and that they should be tried by the same Court of Justice that other people are.

To the above ticket we give our hearty support; and call on every colored voter to see to it, that he casts no ballot in November next that will defeat such men. By this ticket we propose to stand, regardless of what any party does, until November—should we live.

### GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

The Trustees of Shaw University, at a meeting held during the first of the year—voted to make an effort to establish a hospital in connection with Leonard Medical School.

Minister Langston, accompanied by his son Frank, took his departure last week, for Port-au-Prince, to again enter upon the discharge of his duties.

A colored Republican club in Boston endorsed Blaine and Logan, but repudiated the Chinese plank in the platform.

A National Convention of honorably discharged ex-Union colored soldier and sailors will be held in Baltimore, Md., beginning on August 18. "The J. C. Abbott Post No. 15, G. A. R. of this city will charter a car and go in a body."

The Rowan Baptist Association will convene with the church at Lexington, N. C., Wednesday before the 4th Lord's day in August, 1884.

### SPIRIT OF THE COLORED PRESS.

#### BEATS ALL.

There have been a great many National conventions held at different points in this great country, but never a one that surpassed in enthusiasm and numbers, the one just held at Chicago.—*Tarboro Sentinel*.

#### OSTRACISM OSTRACISED.

The *Cleveland Gazette* is making it warm for Peter H. Clark. The Democracy of Ohio honored him, why then should the *Gazette* malign one of its most distinguished men. White men make it convenient to change their politics. This is a free country, and if colored men would cease to practice ostracism among themselves on account of political differences they could at once proceed to pluck the mote out of their brother's eye.—*Exchange*.

#### "TAFKED UP."

As long as a colored man runs his paper to suit the machine at his own expense he is "tuffed up, in every way imaginable; but let him speak out boldly for his race, and we hope you a failure.—*Wilson (N. C.) News*.

#### FAILED.

The attempt to abridge the representation of Southern delegates in future National Convention deservedly failed at Chicago; a result which was largely due to the masterly and eloquent speech opposing it of Hon. John R. Lynch, of Miss.—*The (Ga.) Pilot*.

### PRINCIPLES AND NOT PARTIES.

IN THE IMPENDING CONTEST COLORED MEN WILL STICK TO PRINCIPLES.

BY JOHN E. RAY, OF RALEIGH.

The writer is neither a Solon, a Burke, "a wise man from the East," nor a saint; but he is cognizant of some facts which clearly prove that the original principles which cemented the colored voter to the party with which he has been identified since the bloody struggle, are fast becoming extinct, and seem now to live only in the days gone

by. The writer does not call attention to this subject for the purpose of securing any undue indignation, but to remind the colored men of the *flexible designs* that are being concocted in North Carolina by political machines and unprincipled men to coalesce the Republicans with the so-called Liberal party.

It is about time that partisan bosses should know that colored voters are not always to be entrapped by unmeaning sounds; nor will they in the future sacrifice their manhood to appease the mandates of unprincipled and designing men. The forces of a party whose origin and principles are in direct hostility to general intelligence, good order and wholesome laws, are being marshalled by political tricksters for the sole purpose of massing the colored vote in the interest of the contemptible whiskey ring. Sound principles, morality and strict adherence to justice and truth seem not to enter into the philosophical mind of the partisan leaders. Avarice, self-aggrandizement, such as characterized Husbands and Fanning in the infancy of this commonwealth, seem now to reappear, and to be the only incentives that actuate many of the leaders of the Republican party in North Carolina. Principles based upon justice and truth, virtue and morality, the chief corner stones of a nation's greatness and the pillars upon which its prosperity and perpetuity are founded, should be supported by colored voters in the coming contest, of being influenced by whiskey advocates to sustain and maintain one of the most detestable and diabolical traffics ever legalized in North Carolina. If manhood and sound principles are to be sacrificed upon the altar of rum; if morality is to be ushered into silence; if colored men are to be guided by demagogues, then a foul and lasting disgrace must inevitably be stamped upon the colored element of this State. Any party that germinated through the agency of rum should meet the contempt of every intelligent and law-abiding man.

Colored men say that they are free. Now if they are free, let them think, act, speak and vote as freemen. If a man does not think, act and vote with discretion upon issues in which his prosperity, happiness and manhood are concerned, and in which the interest, the development and the progress of his race are at stake, but on the contrary is dictated to and misled by a set of corrupt men, such a man is not free. He is a slave: liberty is his but in name. Corruption, chicanery, party policy, and King Alcohol may exult with a confident air, but ere long justice, truth, morality and temperance must reign supremely. Too often have colored men paralyzed their own happiness and prosperity, and stigmatized the whole Negro race by howling at the biddings of partisan leaders. To support a party to which rum gave birth, is dangerous. To seek to gratify corrupt and ambitious men, is absurd. To adhere to party fealty without being prompted by pure motives and sound principles, and without acting in accordance with the dictates of conscience, is pusillanimous and idiotic. This may seem a "little overdrawn," yet it is true. Look at Virginia. Principles, not parties; truth, not victory; temperance, not rum; Republicanism, not liberalism, is the writer's apothegm.

### Educational.

The Combined attendance at Biddle University and Scotia Seminary for the past school year was 425.

The degree of A. B. was conferred on twenty-one young men at the late Commencement of Lincoln University.

Newton Theological Seminary has just received Mr. Colby's large bequest of \$60,000, and \$50,000 are also at hand for the endowment of a new Chair of Eloquence.

Dr. McCosh announces that Dr. F. L. Patton has been elected to the chair of Ethics, which now completes the faculty of the School of Philosophy in connection with Princeton College. Professor Patton will retain the chair of Apologetics in the Theological Seminary.

We wish it understood that we care no more for one party than we do for another, unless that party is the champion of the rights of the Negro; and is willing to hand the federal spoon around without discrimination before it is emptied.

The Grand Lodge of Good Samaritans of Ohio held its session at Columbus last week. The *Cleveland Gazette* was made the official organ.